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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ROK FOREIGN POLICY CHANGE

SEOUL 3353

1. SEPTTEL REPORTS ROK AMBASSADOR HAN' S MAY 30 CALL ON AMBASSADORS SCALI AND BENNETT TO ASK OUR SUPPORT FOR FORESTALLING NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION IN NEW YORK AND NORTH KOREAN ADMISSION TO ADDITIONAL SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. HAN GAVE NO INDICATION OF BEING AWARE OF DECISIONS REPORTED BY SEOUL 3353. ON OTHER HAND HIS DEMARCHE WAS SIGNGULARLY WITHOUT CONVICTION AND HE DID NOT PRESS FOR ANY COMMITMENT FROM US ON THE TWO POINTS.

2. WE ANTICIPATE THAT IF HAN DOES ASK SYG TO DELAY GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS, SYG WILL NOT BE SYMPATHETIC AND THAT, WITH ICE BROKEN IN WHO, ROK WILL HAVE HARD TIME GETTING SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS IN OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. IN ANY EVENT, WE BELIEVE WE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE GROUNDS FOR SUPPORTING ROK REQUEST TO SYG THAT HE DELAY ACTING ON DPRK REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS.

3. WE SURMISE THAT TWO- PRONGED POLICY ANNOUNCED TO US BY HAN REPRESENTS INTERIM TACTIC TO GIVE ROK TIME TO COMPLETE WORKING OUT DETAILS OF MAJOR POLICY CHANGES
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DESCRIBED TO AMB HABIB. GIVEN DIFFICULTY ROK CLEARLY WILL HAVE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS INTERIM POLICY, WE BELIEVE THAT HAN' S DEMARCHE INDICATES IMPORTANCE OF MOVING RAPIDLY AHEAD ON CONSULTATIONS WITH ROK ON MAJOR CHANGES TO PERMIT

ANNOUNCEMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY WELL BEFORE JULY 10. THE LONGER ROK DELAYS PUBLIC ACTION, THE MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR NORTH KOREANS TO LAUNCH SOME PRE-EMPTIVE INITIATIVES.

4. USUN 2033 REPORTS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM STAVROPOLOUS THAT DPRK HAS APPLIED FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT UN HQ GENEVA. ANTICIPATING APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN NEW YORK, THAT TELEGRAM REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM STAVROPOLOUS THAT WE WOULD GRANT VISAS IN EVENT SYG DECIDES TO ACT FAVORABLY ON SUITABLYFRAMED DPRK REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS HERE. DESPITE AMBASSADOR HAN'S DEMARCHE, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD SO INFORM STAVROPOLOUS AND WE REAFFIRM OUR REQUEST FOR SUCH AUTHORIZATION.

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